



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. AR762-XX

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Gregory S. HAMILTON et al.

Examiner: C. Chang

Serial No.: 09/453,517

Art Unit: 1625

Filing Date: December 2, 1999

For: **CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND CARBOXYLIC ACID ISOSTERES OF N-
HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated July 6, 2000. The three month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire October 6, 2000. Accordingly, this Response and Amendment is filed within the three-month period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~6-7~~, 9, ~~14-15~~, 24, and ~~29-32~~ without any prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein.

1. (Amended) A compound having the formula (I):

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